

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following redlined paragraph:

This application is ~~related~~ claims benefit to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/270,520 filed February 21, 2001, now abandoned, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/236,428 filed September 28, 2000, now abandoned, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/225,152 filed August 14, 2000, now abandoned, incorporated in their entirety herein.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 78, line 13, with the following redlined paragraph:

More specifically, once the antibody is immobilized on the support as described above, the remaining protein binding sites on the support are typically blocked. Any suitable blocking agent known to those of ordinary skill in the art, such as bovine serum albumin or ~~Tween-20™~~ TWEEN® 20 detergent (Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis, MO). The immobilized antibody is then incubated with the sample, and polypeptide is allowed to bind to the antibody. The sample may be diluted with a suitable diluent, such as phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) prior to incubation. In general, an appropriate contact time (*i.e.*, incubation time) is a period of time that is sufficient to detect the presence of polypeptide within a sample obtained from an individual with cancer. Preferably, the contact time is sufficient to achieve a level of binding that is at least about 95% of that achieved at equilibrium between bound and unbound polypeptide. Those of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the time necessary to achieve equilibrium may be readily determined by assaying the level of binding that occurs over a period of time. At room temperature, an incubation time of about 30 minutes is generally sufficient.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 78, line 27, with the following redlined paragraph:

Unbound sample may then be removed by washing the solid support with an appropriate buffer, such as PBS containing 0.1% ~~Tween-20™~~ TWEEN®20 detergent. The

second antibody, which contains a reporter group, may then be added to the solid support. Preferred reporter groups include those groups recited above.